

October 9, 1950

Miss Ruth Ferris  
9381 Parkside Drive  
St. Louis 17, Missouri

Dear Miss Ferris:

You mentioned to me that you purchased a \$5.00 Southern Bank of St. Louis note because it had a steamboat on it and you paid the sum of \$5.00 for it. I advised you that the bill is counterfeit, but the counterfeits are just as scarce as the originals. I had a chance to look through some of my duplicates and am sending you two notes of Missouri which contain vignettes of steamboats, and it is my pleasure to add these to your collection.

If you wish to do me a favor, you can buy for me from Art Kelly, at the \$5.00 price he is asking, a \$10.00 Union Bank of Missouri note. That is in exactly the same little bundle of banknotes from which you bought your banknote. As you might guess, I cannot very well buy from Art Kelly because he will raise the price on anything I wish. If you can get this Union Bank of Missouri \$10.00 item for me I will repay you immediately.

He also has a \$2.00 note of the Bank of St. Louis, and if he wants to sell this for \$2.50 I would be glad to buy it. It certainly can't hurt for you to make him such an offer since you will then be buying the two notes for \$7.50.

Sincerely yours,

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RUTH FERRIS  
9381 PARKSIDE DRIVE  
BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI 63144

June 24, 1970

Dear Eric,

In my files at home  
I have little information  
on the two lines in which  
you are interested.

My work on the  
Becky Thatcher as Museum  
Curator leaves me with  
no time for other research.  
I send what I have.

Best wishes,

Ruth  
The Waterways Journal may  
have some information.

RUTH FERRIS  
9381 PARKSIDE DRIVE  
BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI 63144

Alton + St Louis Mail Line  
Partnership formed Feb. 11, 1848  
under that name + firm  
of Frink, Larneth<sup>[Capt. Joseph Brown]</sup>, Brown + Co.  
for purpose of running a  
line of daily <sup>stage</sup> packets between  
Alton and St Louis, to run  
in connection with the  
Springfield, Chicago, Galena  
+ Lafayette stages. The  
said association will be  
known as the Alton + St Louis  
Mail Line Co. The Strs. Luella  
+ Gov. Briggs placed in the line.  
Mo Rep Can Feb. 11. 1848

RUTH FERRIS  
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Alton Packet Line 1854  
Capt. Owings to buy a  
steamboat for the  
Chicago + Mississippi R.R.  
for the St. Louis + Alton  
Trade. (Source not noted.)

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Altona 1853 sold by  
Capt. Joseph Brown to  
Chicago + Alton R.R.  
She was commanded by  
Capt. Adams.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 1, 1970

Miss Ruth Ferris  
9381 Parkside Drive  
Brentwood, Missouri 63144

Dear Ruth:

Thank you for your kindness in furnishing  
the information on the Alton and St. Louis  
Packet Company.

Do you have any information on the Illinois  
River Packet Company with headquarters in East  
St. Louis?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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September 11, 1974

Miss Ruth Ferris  
9381 Parkside  
St. Louis, Mo. 63144

Dear Ruth:

The discovery of two money fragments at the Historical Society by a friend of mine brought about the enclosed article which he will submit for publication in their Bulletin. I suggested that you might be nice enough to read it over and make suggestions or additions as I know this is a favorite topic of yours. Perhaps you even have a photo of the first Ruth which could be used. I presume you are familiar with the illustration on the invoice.

Would you let me know what you think about it?

As you know, Evelyn and I have the cup with the picture of the second Ruth painted by Lux. I presume it is the second Ruth because it is the St. Louis, Cairo and New Orleans line.

Your former students (our children) are fine and still reflect the enthusiasm your education of them stimulated.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric and Evelyn Newman

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